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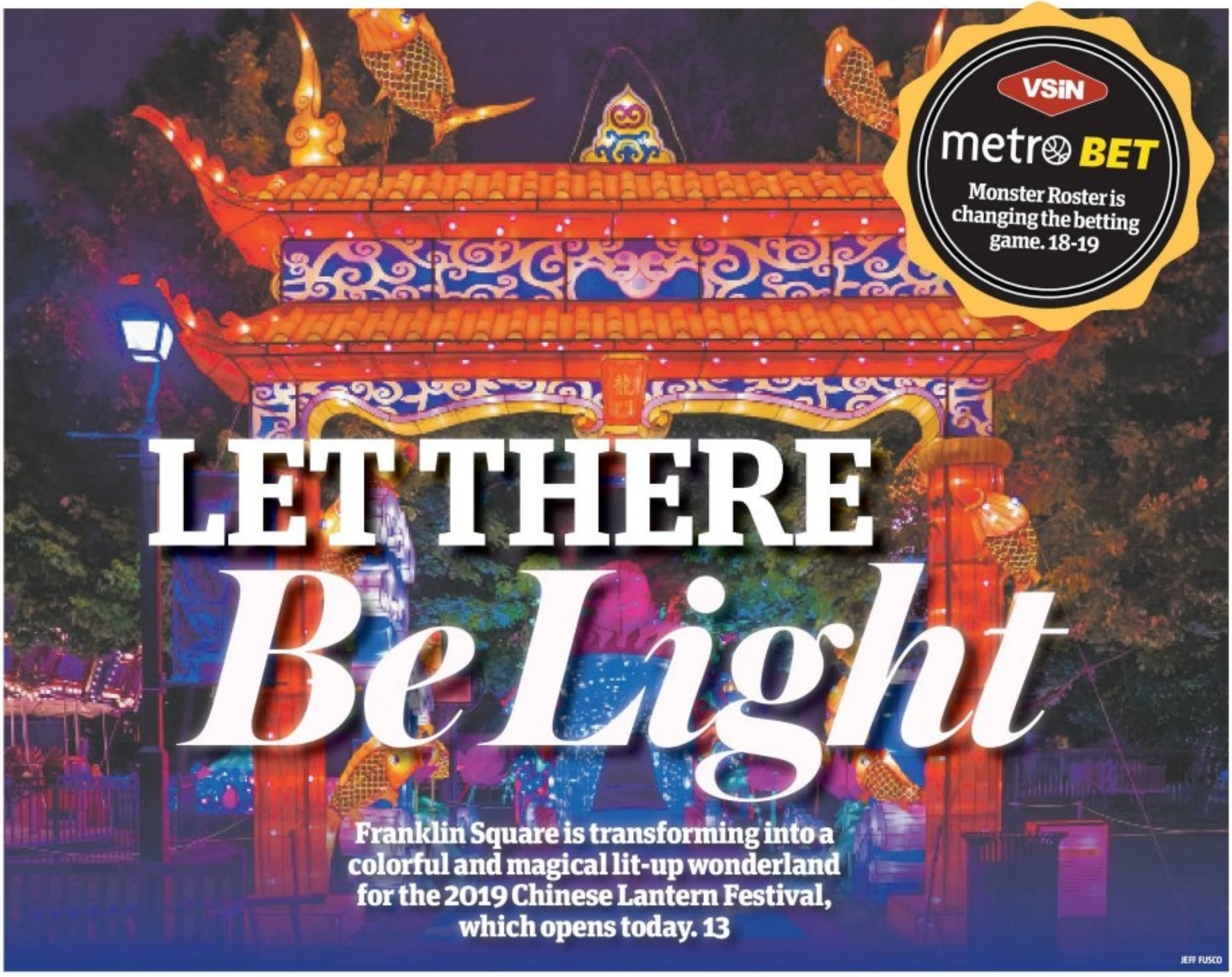

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Venezuela's Guaido urges troops to unite against Maduro, violence erupts

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Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido on Tuesday made his strongest call yet to the military to help him oust President Nicolas Maduro, although there was little sign of defection from the armed forces leadership and isolated clashes fizzled out.

Several dozen armed troops accompanying Guaido clashed with soldiers supporting Maduro at a rally in Caracas early on Tuesday, while large anti-government protests in the streets turned violent.

But an uneasy peace had returned by Tuesday afternoon and there did not appear to be signs of an immediate attempt by the opposition to take power through military force.

Officials from President Donald Trump's administration said three top Maduro loyalists had apparently been in talks with the opposition and indicated they would support a peaceful transition of power.

"They negotiated for a long time on the means of restoring democracy but it seems that today they are not going forward."

Elliott Abrams, U.S. envoy for Venezuela

"They negotiated for a long time on the means of restoring democracy but it seems that today they are not going forward," said U.S. envoy for Venezuela Elliott Abrams, while U.S. national security adviser John Bolton said: "All agreed that Maduro had to go." Neither provided evidence.

They named the three as Venezuelan Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino, Supreme Court chief judge Maikel Moreno and presidential guard commander Ivan Rafael Hernandez Dala.

Venezuela's U.N. Ambassador Samuel Moncada rejected Bolton's remarks as "propaganda."

Earlier on Tuesday, Padrino said in a broadcast, flanked by uniformed men, that the armed forces would continue to defend the constitution and "legitimate authorities" and that military bases were operating as normal. Moreno issued a call for calm on Twitter.

Guaido, in Twitter posts, wrote that he had begun the "final phase" of his campaign to topple Maduro, calling on Venezuelans and the armed forces to back him ahead of May Day mass street protests planned for Wednesday.

"The moment is now!" he wrote. "The future is ours: the people and Armed Forces united."

National Assembly leader Guaido invoked the constitution to assume an interim presidency in January, arguing that Maduro's re-election in 2018 was illegitimate. But Maduro has held on, despite economic chaos, most Western countries backing Guaido, increased U.S. sanctions, and huge protests by Venezuela's opposition.

Tuesday's move was Guaido's boldest effort yet to persuade the military to rise up against Maduro. If it fails, it could be seen as evidence that he lacks sufficient support. It might also encourage the authorities, who have already stripped him of parliamentary immunity and opened multiple investigations into him, to arrest him.

Tens of thousands of people marched in Caracas in support of Guaido on Tuesday, clashing with riot police along the main Francisco Fajardo thoroughfare. A National Guard armored car slammed into protesters who were throwing stones and hitting the vehicle.

Thirty-six people were injured in the incidents, most of them hit with pellets or rubber bullets, said Doctor Maggi Santi of the Salud Chacao health center in eastern Caracas.

Maduro, a former bus driver who took office after the death of political mentor President Hugo Chavez in 2013, said he had spoken with military leaders and that they had shown him "their total loyalty."

"Nerves of steel!" Maduro wrote on Twitter. "I call for maximum popular mobilization to assure the victory of peace. We will win!"

Oil prices topped $73 before easing, partly driven higher by the uncertainty in Venezuela, an OPEC member whose oil exports have been hit by the U.S. sanctions and an economic crisis.

Guaido, in a video on his Twitter account, was accompanied by men in military uniform and leading opposition politician Leopoldo Lopez, a surprise public appearance for a man who has been under house arrest since 2017.

Chile's foreign minister said later Tuesday that Lopez and his family had entered Chile's diplomatic residence.

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Philly City Council considering worker protection bill against unfair firing

The bill follows a similar one in New York City and could portend a larger wave.

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The Philadelphia City Council is considering a bill that would extend workplace protections to unfair firing, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported Tuesday.

Councilwoman Cherelle L. Parker introduced the legislation, which would increase job security for parking-lot workers by creating a specific definition of a fireable offense. Called "just-cause" legislation, it would require an employer who wants to fire an employee to prove the worker has poor job performance or is somehow hurting the business.

The council had previously heard from parking employees who claimed they were fired for supporting higher wages and unionization.

"While City Council is prohibited from increasing the minimum wage, we can and we must help root out unfair treatment and substandard conditions for workers in an industry that employs more than 1,000 men and women in Philadelphia, and where many of them earn as little as $8 per hour," said Parker in a statement. "The idea that an employer would fire an employee simply for advocating for better working conditions and trying to organize workers while they are not on the clock is reprehensible and sends the wrong message to other employees."

Parker's bill is only the second time just-cause legislation has been considered by city government. Last month, New York City Councilman Brad Lander introduced a just-cause bill for the city's fast-food workers. The fast-food employees are backed by SEIU 32BJ, the same union that represents Philly parking-lot attendants who are organizing for better wages and benefits, the Inquirer reported.

The American labor force is largely premised on "at-will" employment. That means that a worker can be fired for any reason (or for no reason at all), and without warning, as long as the reason is not illegal (such as, because of their race or sex).

Although just-cause agreements are typically negotiated by unions, Parker's bill would extend protections to parking workers regardless of union affiliation. City Council will hold a hearing on Monday.

Just-cause laws have attracted controversy. Critics say they're an example of government overreach and could unfairly protect incompetent or dangerous workers. Labor groups have been largely silent on them, because they remove one of the major selling points for unionization, the Inquirer said.

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Philly housing costs rising faster for poor and middle-income residents than for the wealthy

Housing costs in Philadelphia are rising faster for the poor and middle class than for the wealthy, new research indicates.

Costs for Philly households earning less than the national median income grew 8 percent between 2007 and 2018, according to a report by Apartment Life, a San Francisco-based real-estate company. They stayed flat for households earning more than that. The median household income was $61,400 in 2017.

"If you're well-off already, your income seems to be growing faster. But if you're not doing so well, your housing costs are outpacing your income and making it even harder to get ahead," Igor Popov, the company's chief economist, told WHYY.

In 2008, the Philadelphia area's richest residents earned more than 12 times what the area's poorest residents earned, the study found. By 2017, the earnings gap had expanded to 17 times.

Housing advocates worry the trend could push low-income residents into substandard housing or homelessness, or drive them out of town. Those who stay could be shifted into areas that already lack resources and services.

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"We could end up pushing people into Camden, into Chester, you know, into Croyden — these little tiny areas that don't have the social services, that don't have the capacity. And again, we're just kind of exporting the burden to cities that can't afford to turn people away and afford to support them either," Akira Rodriguez, a postdoctoral fellow in urban planning at the University of Pennsylvania, told WHYY.

Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, who is seeking a second term this year, has proposed adding $80 million to the city's Housing Trust Fund over the next six years, to support and build affordable housing in the city.

In March, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported that City Council would consider five bills to address the city's affordable-housing problem. Among the initiatives: A requirement that one-third of units built on public land sold for redevelopment be affordable, and a tax incentive for landlords who post affordable rents. Hearings on the bills are expected in the coming months.

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Violent Vermont fugitive Leroy Headley thought to be in Philly

Authorities are searching for a Vermont man charged with murder, who is said to be in Philadelphia.

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U.S. Marshals are offering a reward of up to $10,000 for information that leads to the arrest of Leroy Headley. USMARSHALS.GOV

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Authorities are searching for a known fugitive from Vermont said to be in Philadelphia.

The U.S. Marshals Service and Vermont Violent Offender Task Force (VVOTF) are offering a reward of up to $10,000 for information that leads to the arrest of Leroy Headley, wanted by the South Burlington Police Department for second-degree murder charges.

Authorities say Headley, 37, shot and killed his domestic partner and mother of his children, Anako "Annette" Lumumba, on May 3, 2018. An arrest warrant was issued for Headley on May 4, 2018. Additionally, an arrest warrant had been issued for Headley's arrest stemming from a pre-existing pending criminal matter, charging him with sexual assault on a minor.

Detectives told ABC 6 Philadelphia that Headley traveled to West Philadelphia shortly after that and may still be staying in the area under an alias.

"Headley's criminal conduct and disregard for the law have made his apprehension a top priority," the U.S. Marshal for the District of Vermont, Bradley LaRose, said in a statement posted on USMarshals.gov. "Although Headley has avoided apprehension for almost a year, this investigation remains active and intensive."

Headley is originally from Jamaica and has ties across the U.S., Jamaica and Canada. He is described as a black male, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 7 inches, medium/average build with brown hair and brown eyes. U.S. Marshals believe that Headley may have shaved his head or changed his appearance, may have befriended people under an assumed name and may be residing with an unsuspecting companion.

According to VTDigger.com, authorities found Headley's Nissan Pathfinder in Albany, New York, on May 18. Headley's iPhone, the gun used in the homicide, and what appeared to be a suicide note were all in the vehicle, though police do not believe Headley went through with killing himself.

Police in three Chittenden County towns had more than 160 interactions with Headley over the last five years, many of which were related to domestic violence or other disturbances, according to the Burlington Free Press.

Court records obtained by VTDigger show that Anako Lumumba, 33, a nurse and the mother of two of Headley's children, filed complaints in April 2017 and December 2017 telling police that Headley had guns and was threatening to kill her. She reportedly claimed that he was stalking her, prevented her from meeting other people, obsessively called her phone and sent her threatening texts.

"I am afraid that he physically threatens me because he is in possession of a loaded gun and what he says at times is very disturbing and unsettling," she wrote in a request for a relief-from-abuse order on Dec. 2, 2017.

Judge Dennis Pearson vacated the order and dismissed further action on Dec. 5, 2017, after Lumumba failed to appear for a scheduled hearing, according to records from the Chittenden County Superior Court family division, according to the Burlington Free Press. Police also stopped their efforts to seize Headley's guns that day.

Headley was charged with sexual assault against two 13-year-old girls in March 2017.

Anyone with information on Headley's whereabouts is asked to call U.S. Marshals at 877-WANTED-2.

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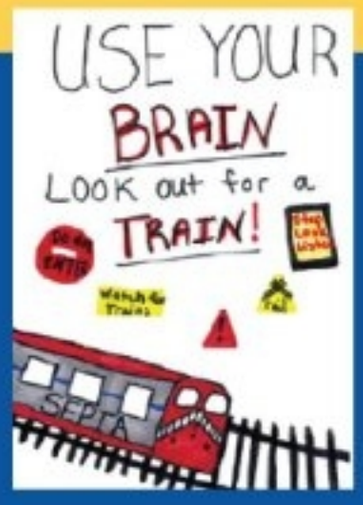

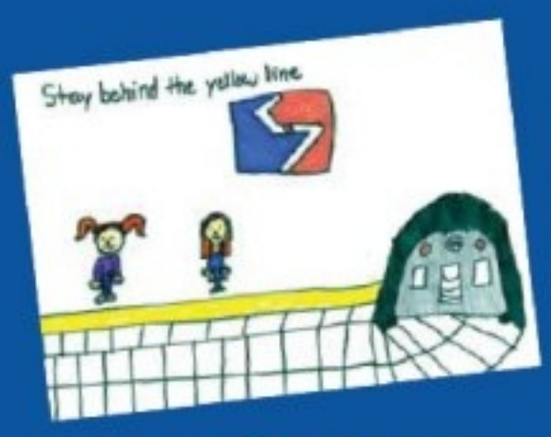

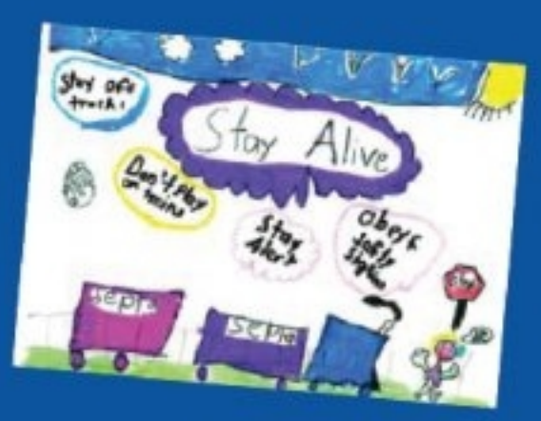

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Facebook announces privacy-focused redesign; critics call out potential pitfalls

Meanwhile, the company faces a new investigation by the New York state attorney general.

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Facebook announced a significant redesign on Tuesday, rolling out features geared toward privacy in response to years of scandals over its handling of private user data and status as a vehicle for Russian election interference. But critics say the new features could cause problems of their own.

Dubbed FB5, the redesign is the platform's biggest in half a decade. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced the new features at the company's annual developer conference. Among them: a cleaner look; a bigger focus on private groups and events; a "Meet New Friends" function; and a dating app. Facebook's disappearing Stories will be promoted, and News Feed broadcasting de-emphasized.

"The future is private," said Zuckerberg. "Over time, I believe that a private social platform will be even more important to our lives than our digital town squares."

The company said some of Facebook's new features would be immediately apparent, and some would be rolled out in the coming months.

"Now look, I get that a lot of people aren't sure we're serious about this," Zuckerberg said. "We don't exactly have the strongest reputation on privacy right now, to put it lightly. But I'm committed to doing this well and starting a new chapter for our product.

"We believe that for the future, people want a privacy-focused social platform," he added.

Mark Zuckerberg. REUTERS

Facebook has been in a PR tailspin for years. In early 2017, reports surfaced that Russia extensively used the platform to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Kremlin-backed hackers created fake profiles, groups and events, and disseminated and amplified false news stories to sow discord among the electorate and harm Hillary Clinton's candidacy.

The company has also been buffeted by waves of negative headlines about its handling of private user data. In March 2018, it was reported that data-mining company Cambridge Analytica harvested personal information from 87 million Facebook users without their consent. In November 2018, The New York Times reported that Zuckerberg and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg slow-walked security upgrades to the platform and attempted to discredit the company's critics. The next month, the Times reported that Facebook gave tech companies — including Spotify, Netflix and Microsoft — access to Facebook users' personal data, including private messages.

Facebook's now expecting a $5 billion FCC fine.

Reports of privacy violations surfaced as late as last week. On April 25, New York State Attorney General Letitia James announced that her office would open an investigation into allegations that Facebook improperly harvested the email address books of 1.5 million users without their consent, using it to target advertising.

Critics warned Tuesday that the new features may not be as benevolent as advertised. They pointed out that hate speech, misinformation and political interference spread in private groups will be less accountable to the press, fact-checking and law enforcement.

> **"The future is private. Over time, I believe that a private social platform will be even more important to our lives than our digital town squares."**
> **Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO**

"Not to overreact, but this is terrifying," tweeted NBC News internet reporter Brandy Zadrozny.

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Accused synagogue gunman faces murder, arson charges

A 19-year-old man accused of killing one worshipper and wounding three others in a shooting spree in a California synagogue appeared in court on Tuesday to face murder and attempted-murder charges in an attack prosecutors are treating as a hate crime.

John Earnest, arrested shortly after Saturday's bloodshed at the Chabad of Poway synagogue north of San Diego, has also been charged with one count of arson on a house of worship stemming from a nearby mosque that was set on fire in March.

Appearing for a brief proceeding in San Diego County Superior Court on Tuesday afternoon, Earnest wore dark-rimmed glasses, his hair combed straight forward, with a straight-faced expression.

Authorities said Earnest walked into the Poway synagogue during Sabbath prayers on the last day of the weeklong

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Jewish Passover holiday and opened fire with an assault-style rifle, killing 60-year-old congregant Lori Gilbert-Kaye.

Three others were wounded in the attack, including the rabbi, who was shot in the hands and lost an index finger.

The gunman was chased out of the temple by a former Army sergeant who was in the congregation, then sped away in a car, escaping an off-duty U.S. Border Patrol agent who shot at the getaway vehicle but missed the suspect. Earnest pulled over and surrendered to police soon afterward.

Investigators later said Earnest appeared to have written a rambling, violently anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim "manifesto" found posted on the internet.

In it, the author claimed responsibility for a predawn arson fire on March 24 that damaged the Islamic Center of Escondido, a town about 15 miles north of Poway, and professed to have drawn his inspiration from the gunman who killed 50 people at two mosques earlier that month in New Zealand.

Saturday's bloodshed near San Diego came six months to the day after 11 worshippers were fatally shot at a Pittsburgh synagogue in a massacre that ranks as the deadliest ever on American Jewry. The accused gunman in that attack also was arrested.

Authorities said Earnest had no prior criminal record. REUTERS

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President Trump, Dems agree to spend $2 trillion on US infrastructure

The White House called the meeting "excellent and productive."

President Donald Trump and Democratic leaders agreed on Tuesday to spend $2 trillion on roads, bridges, water, broadband and power grids, and will meet again in three weeks to discuss how to pay for the plan, Democratic leaders said.

The meeting, which appeared to be largely positive, contrasts with more heated discussions between the two sides on the trickier issues of immigration and border security. Both parties have shown support for a potential infrastructure bill, which, if passed, would be a rare example of bipartisan legislative success.

"We just had a very productive meeting with the president of the United States," House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi told reporters at the White House. "We did come to one agreement: That the agreement would be big and bold."

Despite the united desire to strengthen U.S. infrastructure, the measures to pay for the bill, which would need the approval of Congress, may be a stumbling block to cooperation.

"We agreed on a number, which was very, very good — $2 trillion for infrastructure. Originally we had started with a lower — even the president was eager to push it up to $2 trillion," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said.

The White House called the meeting "excellent and productive" and confirmed that another one would take place later in May.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other congressional Democrats speak to reporters after their meeting. REUTERS

"The United States has not come even close to properly investing in infrastructure for many years, foolishly prioritizing the interests of other countries over our own."
Sarah Sanders,
White House spokeswoman

"The United States has not come even close to properly investing in infrastructure for many years, foolishly prioritizing the interests of other countries over our own," White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said in a statement.

"The president looks forward to working together in a bipartisan way and getting things done for the American people."

Still, Trump's chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said an agreement was unlikely because Democrats would not back environment deregulation, which the White House would want to speed up construction.

"I think there is a much better chance of getting the USMCA passed than getting the infrastructure bill passed," Mulvaney said, referring to the new trade deal with Canada and Mexico at the Milken Institute Global Conference in Beverly Hills.

The next meeting is set to focus on how to finance the plan. Trump economic adviser Larry Kudlow told reporters on Monday the president had not made up his mind on whether to support raising a federal tax on gasoline to help pay for it.

CLASHES

Trump has had a combative relationship with his Democratic congressional counterparts. An Oval Office meeting with Pelosi and Schumer in December included a long, open clash, played out in front of reporters and television cameras.

More recently, the president has criticized Democrats for pursuing investigations of his conduct after the release earlier this month of the redacted report by Special Counsel Robert Mueller on Russia's intervention in the 2016 U.S. election. REUTERS

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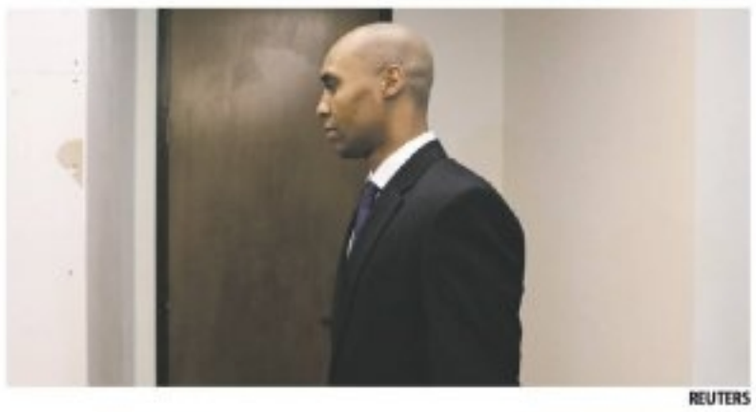
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A former Minneapolis policeman was found guilty on Tuesday of murder for fatally shooting Australian national Justine Ruszczyk Damond from his patrol car while responding to her 2015 report of a possible sex assault near her home.

Mohamed Noor, 33, was convicted of third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for killing 40-year-old Damond outside her home near Minneapolis, in an incident that drew international criticism including from Australia's prime minister, who called the incident "shocking."

Noor sat silently through the entire reading of the verdict with his hands cupped, breathing heavily. The packed courtroom remained silent.

The judge ordered Noor to be taken into custody. Noor was handcuffed and escorted by two sheriff's deputies out of the court.

The killing came amid a wave of killings of black men and teens by U.S. police that prompted street protests alleging officers used excessive levels of force. It provided a mirror image to that theme since Damond was white and Noor is a black Somali immigrant.

Noor and his partner drove to Damond's home the night of July 15, 2017, to respond to her report of a possible sexual assault outside her house, and when Damond approached the patrol car, Noor fired a shot across his partner through the passenger-side window to kill her.

The shooting led to the resignation of Minneapolis' police chief and the creation of stricter police body camera policies, after Noor and his partner failed to turn on their body cameras and provide video evidence to investigators.

Noor will be sentenced June 7. REUTERS

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The Chinese Lantern Festival opens this week. ALL PHOTOS JEFF FUSCO

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Franklin Square's Chinese Lantern Festival debuts this week.

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This week, historic Franklin Square will transform into one of the most unique, colorful and fun sights you will see all year in the City of Brotherly Love. The Chinese Lantern Festival debuts May 1, and this incredible showcase of lights, lanterns, entertainment, food and drinks simply cannot be missed.

This is the fourth year for the wildly popular Chinese Lantern Festival, and this illuminating event is bigger than ever this time around. According to the release, the festival will feature 29 larger-than-life illuminated displays made of 2,000 individual lanterns and 20,000 LED lights in brilliant colors. All of these gorgeous works of art were created by hand using traditional Chinese methods. The magnificent steel-framed and silk-wrapped giant lighted sculptures are all brand-new designs for the festival — some have never even been seen in the United States before. Highlights include a 200-foot-long phoenix, a walk-through dragon tunnel, and a host of interactive installations such as lit swings and a fortune-telling wheel.

The Chinese Lantern Festival will also feature incredible live cultural performances, each one authentic and wildly impressive. Performances include martial arts specialists, a mysterious face changer, dancers, contortionists and jugglers. There will be three performances happening nightly, each one showcasing a different skill, talent and act.

"Historic Philadelphia Inc. is pleased to bring this treasure of Chinese culture to our region. Gorgeous works of art, performances, and a magical evening in Franklin Square will create lasting memories for Philadelphia residents and visitors," said Amy Needle, president and CEO of Historic Philadelphia Inc., in a release.

In addition to the incredible lantern showcases and live performances, festivalgoers can also indulge in deliciously authentic Asian cuisine and shopping. There will be Chinese folk artists' crafts and festival-themed merchandise as well as mouthwatering dishes and drinks sold throughout the festival, plus specialty refreshments will also be sold at the Dragon Beer Garden (open nightly).

According to the release, during the festival the lanterns are able to be viewed for free during the daytime, while a ticket is required for nighttime entrance (no re-entry). In addition, during the day for free, a new way to experience the festival is by exploring the Square with a Lantern Scavenger Hunt. Any Philadelphian who completes the scavenger hunt will receive a free ride on the Parx Liberty Carousel. Information on the hunt will be available at the ticket window in Franklin Square.

Proceeds from this year's festival will go toward the operation and management of Franklin Square and its many free events all year long. The Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival in Franklin Square is produced by the Tianyu Arts & Culture Inc. and its parent company, Sichuan Tianyu Cultural Communications Ltd. in cooperation with Historic Philadelphia Inc.

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Gimbel has been touring with Foreigner for decades. PROVIDED

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Legendary rock band Foreigner hit the stage in Philly this weekend.

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Unless you've been living under a rock for the past three decades, you have probably heard of the legendary English-American rock band Foreigner. The talented group was originally founded in late '70s, and since their inception, Foreigner have traveled around the world touring, creating wildly popular hits and stunning audiences with their showmanship everywhere. Now the highly celebrated group will be hitting the stage at Parx Casino's Xcite Center this Saturday, May 4. Metro got the scoop on what to expect from the show from Foreigner's talented multi-instrumentalist Tom Gimbel. Gimbel sat down with Metro to chat about his career, some of his fondest memories touring the world, and how he thinks music brings people together.

You've toured with a few notable bands throughout your career. How did you get your start with Foreigner?
I originally started in '92, and I had to go back to Aerosmith in '93. That's when I called Scott [Gilman] and he subbed in. He filled in for me and at the end of '94, he wanted to go and do his own thing, so he called me to take the job back again. We were handing the baton back and forth, but everybody got along so well I wish we could have all been in the band at the same time. But he's a great friend, and that's how it became more permanent. It was just very natural and very organic.

Foreigner has been around for decades. What do you think it is that still makes the music so wildly popular and timeless?
I think it's the quality of the songs and the performance, I really do. The way these songs were written — Mick Jones is a very complex guy and he knows how to put that into music without the listener knowing it. I know Mick, just like all of us, loves Marvin Gaye and Motown and blues, so you're going to get that on top of some very subtle sophistication. Then the lyrics are probably the magic. I think the messages in the lyrics are so accessible, most people can just say yes, I know what that feels like. Almost every one of the songs, you look at them and go, oh yeah, I know that one, or I remember that, or yeah, I can imagine that. It's so heartfelt that it really resonates throughout the ages.

Speaking of the songs, is there a particular song that you would say is your favorite or maybe favorite to perform?
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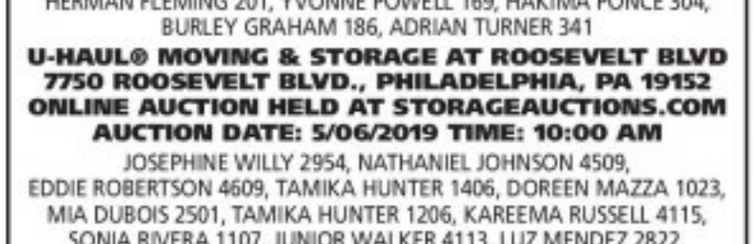
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to touring. What do you like the most about being on the road?
Probably being able to perform and connect with an audience. It's performance art — I'm an artist but performance is my art. I kind of get to create every night. I just feel so blessed. A concert is when people pull together and that's something that we all crave on a visceral sort of level. When you're connected with a band and audience, you don't feel alone anymore. That's probably why it's so uplifting.

When you do travel, would you say you feel different energies or vibes from the audience?
It's really similar, it really is. I remember playing in Moscow and looking at the faces of the people, and you can almost sense that it had been a rough life condition. Obviously, even just from the cold — it's really bitter cold climates there. But the joy that you see in the eyes and the smiles, I see that consistently and I think about music being the universal language. They say love is but I think music may be more so. Music honestly just transcends all language barriers. One time I was in Kuala Lumpur practicing my saxophone in an outdoor pavilion and someone on the other side of the wall — I'll never know who it is because it was such a high wall — started jamming with me, playing rhythmic instruments. It was a bongo or some kind of drum, and I had a little jam session over the wall with a stranger in Kuala Lumpur. I'll never forget that. That's when I started to think it was a universal language. Certainly rhythm is, everyone feels that.

Any other notable stories stick out to you from all of your years of touring and performing?
Tons, there are just tons. I probably should write a book or at least a pamphlet. I could pick a couple of key moments that stand out in my memory, like Woodstock Two with Aerosmith. I think there were about 400,000 people there. So when they would cheer it sounded like a jet engine was taking off. I never forgot that sound, it was so loud. I thought that was a big number and then I was fortunate enough to work with Foreigner. It was New Year's Eve. They said we were going to go on live TV right at midnight with the countdown and when they say "Happy New Year" we want to time it so "Urgent" is playing and you hit the high note right there at midnight on TV and there's going to be 40 million people watching. So I went 400,000, I thought that was a good number, and now you're throwing a couple of zeros onto that, really? Okay, alright, I can do this. Mick and Lou and the whole crew were laughing watching me sweat, saying, "Ha ha, he's got his high note right at midnight. No pressure, take it easy. You look a little pale!" They always had a great time ribbing me. Those are some of my favorite moments, when they really rib you, you know? That's when you feel like part of the family.

Just switching gears for a second, I saw that Foreigner is trying to help save music in schools. What can you tell me about that?
We have been having choirs from the high schools come up and sing with us. In return, we make a donation to their music program. We are doing what we can to save the music programs because they are just being taken away for budgetary cuts and restraints. The kids don't deserve that. So we're really just trying to send a message there and also help these choirs and have them live this experience onstage singing with us in front of a big crowd. That's something you can really draw from later in life if you decide to continue performing.

What can Philly audiences expect from your show at the Xcite Center?
Don't expect any new songs. We're not going to unveil anything new. It's going to be a great time. Kelly Hansen, our singer, runs around the crowd and gets everyone involved. He talks to the crowd like they are his friends. Hopefully, everyone can just forget about life for a little while. You can kick and stomp and yell and scream and sing. We're going to play all of the Foreigner songs you would hope to hear at a Foreigner concert. I'm gonna grab my saxophone for "Urgent" and just lose my mind. Sometimes they have to wake me up afterward. Hopefully, everyone is going to sing "Jukebox Hero" at the top of their lungs and the show turns into a big sing-along, especially when the choir comes out. It's a really good time.

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Butler, defense key ingredients for Sixers' success vs. Raptors

The 76ers stole Game 2 from the Raptors in Toronto on Monday night.

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It turns out that all the Philadelphia 76ers need to win games against the Toronto Raptors is stellar defense with a dose of Jimmy Butler.

The Sixers drew even in their second-round playoff series on Monday night, stealing Game 2 from the Raptors north of the border and taking the home-court advantage with them in the process.

After scoring just 10 points in Game 1, Butler dropped 30 with 11 rebounds and five assists in the 95-89 victory.

He came up big down the stretch, recording 12 points and three assists in the fourth quarter while shifting from small forward to point guard to help hold off Toronto. Those 12 points equaled what star center Joel Embiid — who continues to battle knee troubles — had in 32 minutes of play in Game 2 as he continues to struggle offensively against Marc Gasol and Serge Ibaka.

"This was James Butler," 76ers head coach Brett Brown said, per ESPN. "That was the adult in the gym... He was just a tremendous sort of rock. He willed us to a lot of different situations... He was a stud. He really was an adult in the gym."

Regardless of the fact that Butler's actual first name is Jimmy and not James, Brown's comments further cemented how important the 29-year-old is to the Sixers' title hopes.

Jimmy Butler dropped 30 on the Raptors in Game 2. GETTY IMAGES

While Butler starred offensively, Ben Simmons helped lead a defensive effort that held the Raptors to under 90 points since Dec. 28 against the Orlando Magic, which was one of just two times during the regular season.

While Kawhi Leonard still went on to have a 35-point night after dropping 45 in Game 1, Simmons' defensive efforts against the Raptors star helped set the tone in Game 2.

Leonard was held to just 15 points in the first half, mostly by Simmons, as the Sixers built a 13-point lead at the break.

"They did a good job, honestly. Got to give them credit," Leonard said after the game. "[Simmons] is long.

"I think Ben did a really good job on him, and we tried to have different looks at times where we doubled him, and we did," Brown said. "By and large, it was Ben's assignment, although other people inherited him if he got switched out or Ben was out of the game."

The Sixers and Raptors have a few days' rest as the series shifts to Philadelphia. Game 3 tips off on Thursday night.

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Young founder and CEO Dylan Elder was a part of the Sixers' Innovation Lab.

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The stereotypical sports bettor is a cigar-smoking, overweight, down-on-his-luck brute who hangs around the race track all day and loses a whole lot more than he wins.

But that stereotype is quickly changing in America thanks to an influx of young bettors and young minds.

Dylan Elder, the 22-year-old CEO and founder of Monster Roster, is one of those people. He is currently on a leave of absence from Georgetown University after creating a sports betting algorithm that has rocked the industry.

"We started with daily fantasy and then pivoted when it was announced that sports betting was going to be legalized last year," Elder told MetroBet in an exclusive interview. "We had a powerful algorithm that was winning big with DFS and now we've transitioned to sports betting. We started betting our own money with the algorithm before making our picks public and we got kicked off three betting sites because we were winning so much with our picks."

Monster Roster, which was the first company admitted to the Philadelphia 76ers Innovation Lab, makes 33 picks a day on average, with roughly five of those bets being 5-star picks each day. Since last year they've made more than 10,000 bets with a 200 percent ROI on all picks, and more than 1,500 5-star bets with a 1,300 percent ROI.

"The algorithm is always improving because it's taking more data as the season grows longer," Elder told MetroBet. "In the first two months of the NBA season we were batting about .500. But after the All-Star break we started to really shoot up because the algorithm got data on players on new teams and it takes into account similar teams from previous seasons at certain points throughout each season. We've become very confident in our algorithm."

Elder, who plans on seeing his business through before returning to school, does believe the demographics when it comes to sports betting are changing — in large part thanks to legalization.

"Most of my core group of friends are obviously college-aged and they're all starting to try betting on sports," Elder said. "There's a huge trend out there of young people betting more on sports now that it's out in the open. Naturally, betting on sports for the first time you're probably going to lose, but we're trying to provide a service that shows young bettors — and all bettors — that you can get great results."

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Watching Jimmy Butler take over playoff games is super fun. One of the few who can do it like he does. Probably only a dozen or so guys in the league.

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THE PICK: Blazers–Nuggets Over

Sports betting 101: Common mistakes

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Whether you are new on the sports betting scene or a seasoned bettor who can't figure out why you are consistently in the red, we are here to help. Here are some of the most common sports betting faux pas:

Emotional betting

Betting with your heart is a trap for many sports bettors. The urge to bet on your favorite team because you are going to the game can be deadly. Pay attention to the odds and understand going in that you'll rarely get an edge by backing the home team in a state where sports betting is legal. Don't let your emotions rule your decision-making. And if you can't bet against the home team, sit the game out.

Bankroll mismanagement

Known as the "BR" in inner circles, keeping track of your bankroll and establishing bet size guidelines is a rare trait of a sports bettor. Your bankroll is disposable income that is set aside for the purpose of betting — just like you would spend money playing a round of golf or going to the movies. It's money you can afford to lose, albeit money you don't want to lose. Once you establish the amount of your bankroll, set a bet size limit for each wager. Most successful bettors don't wager more than 5 percent of their total bankroll on any one game.

Chasing losses

Sports betting is essentially a game unto itself. Made up of wins and losses, your profit and loss can swing massively, even when applying the above BR management rules. Trying to recoup lost money by betting larger sums or by betting on more games is a common mistake.

"The home teams in the early games and away teams in the late games" has been muttered many times on an NFL Sunday. Be smart and consistent with your bet size and avoid "doubling down to catch up."

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Betting breakdown of Stanley Cup playoffs

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We're two games into the second-round series matching the Islanders and Hurricanes, and sharp enthusiasm for the Isles has not been rewarded.

*In Game 1, New York was bet up from an opener of -120 on the moneyline to as high as -140 or -145 (depending on the store) in what would ultimately be a 1-0 overtime loss.

*In Game 2, New York was bet up from -140 to as high as -155 or -160 in the bounce-back spot. It was another low-scoring loss, as the Isles fell, 2-1.

Those large line moves were due to a mix of sharp and square (public) support. The Islanders impressed in a first-round sweep of Pittsburgh, while Carolina was expected to be tired after going seven games with Washington. Everyone wanted the fresher team in Game 1 as a cheap favorite. Everyone wanted the bounce-back team at home in Game 2.

Sportsbooks are grateful!

What will bettors do now? Frankly, Carolina did play a bit tired in the two games at Barclays Center (where crowd noise just isn't the same as at Nassau Coliseum). The Hurricanes couldn't score a goal in regulation

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in the opener. Then they hung on for dear life Sunday as the Islanders controlled flow of play.

Check out these stats from respected hockey analytics website Natural Stat Trick:

*High Danger Scoring Chances: NYI wins 15-9 in G1, 14-6 in G2 (for a total of 29-15 in two losses).

*Expected Goals: NY wins 2.94 to 2.09 in G1, 2.68 to 1.78 in G2 (for a total edge of 5.62 to 3.87).

The Islanders could easily be leading this series two games to none. They're not finding the back of the net with opportunities they create. Carolina didn't just win a couple of coin flips. It won both flips against weighted coins!

That backdrop will create additional wagering sentiment for the Islanders in Game 3. Their backs are to the wall as they enjoy more influence over flow of play. They still have the best defense in the NHL (No. 1 in fewest goals against during the regular season, then only eight goals allowed in regulation though six playoff games). They still have less weary playoff legs. Carolina will be dealing with injuries.

What about the series? Though perceived as the superior side initially, the Islanders are now a big long shot to advance. They have to win four of the next five games, lacking the kind of explosive offense that can create easy wins. Can New York win four out of five grinders when three will be on the road?

Anything is possible in hockey. But, the percentages favor Carolina getting to four wins faster because of this two-game head start.

JEFF FOGLE

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10:30 pm	**NHL Hockey** St. Louis Blues vs. Dallas Stars	NBC Sports Network

NHL playoffs Wednesday betting previews

Islanders at Hurricanes
Puckline: Islanders +1.5 goals (-280), Hurricanes -1.5 goals (+240)
Betting Total: 5.0 goals (Over +105, Under -125)
After dropping the first two games of their series with the Hurricanes at home, the Islanders will look to get on the board in more ways than one at PNC Arena on Wednesday. New York has been held to just one goal through two games, though they hit the post four times in a 2-1 loss against Carolina in Game 2.

The Isles should benefit from the increase of injuries in the Hurricanes locker room, as defenseman Trevor van Riemsdyk and forward Saku Maenalanen both left Game 2 early along with netminder Petr Mrazek. Backup goalie Curtis McElhinney stopped all 17 pucks that came his way in Game 2, but that seems unsustainable based on his career save percentage of .909.

Look for Islander forwards Mathew Barzal and Jordan Eberle (13 points combined through six games) to step up here.

The play: Islanders moneyline

Blues at Stars
Puckline: Blues +1.5 goals (-270), Stars -1.5 goals (+230)
Betting Total: 5.0 goals
The Blues have won six straight games as an underdog and are 20-7 in their last 27 games playing on one day of rest, per Covers.com. St. Louis has relied on a balanced offensive attack this postseason, as seven of their forwards have at least two goals on their ledger.

The play: Blues moneyline

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NHL

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NBA

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Phils' Nola turning corner after rough start

The Phillies ace is getting back on track ahead of tonight's outing against the Detroit Tigers.

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As they look to build on their early lead in the National League East, the Philadelphia Phillies are hoping that staff ace Aaron Nola has officially turned the corner.

Following a strong Opening Day outing in which he allowed a single run on two hits in six innings against the Atlanta Braves, the 25-year-old right-hander nose-dived over his next three starts.

In two matchups against the Washington Nationals and one with the New York Mets, both division rivals, Nola was hammered for 15 earned runs on 19 hits in just 13.1 innings of work.

That amounted to a miserable 10.13 ERA to raise his season mark to 7.45. It ushered in some early panic from Phillies fans considering Nola finished third in the National League Cy Young Award voting last season after going 17-6 with a 2.37 ERA.

He was considered the one secure arm in a rotation filled with question marks, as the viability of Jake Arrieta as a No. 2 and the effectiveness of Vince Velasquez and Zach Eflin fell under fire.

Velasquez had a 1.99 ERA entering Tuesday night's game against the Detroit Tigers while Eflin pitched the first Phillies complete game since 2017.

Jared Eickhoff has come in as a fifth starter and performed admirably as well, posting a 2.12 ERA in his first two starts.

They held down the fort while Nola was in the process of rediscovering his stuff in 2019. He has bounced back well enough in his last two outings against the Colorado Rockies and Miami Marlins, posting a 2.92 ERA while striking out 13 and walking just two.

Nola struck out 11 while walking six in his previous three starts.

Tonight's start against the Tigers can help further build up Nola's confidence in just his second start against an out-of-division opponent.

Prior to Tuesday night's game, Detroit ranked 28th in the majors in runs scored.

After his ERA went over 7.00, Aaron Nola has strung together a pair of strong outings. GETTY IMAGES

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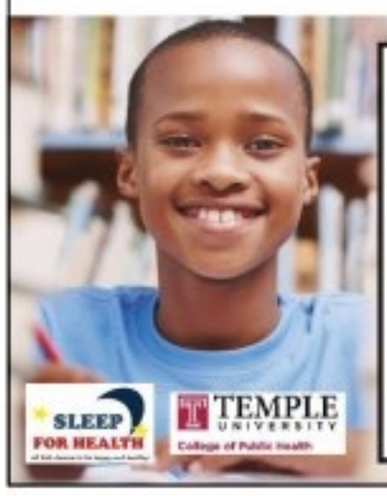

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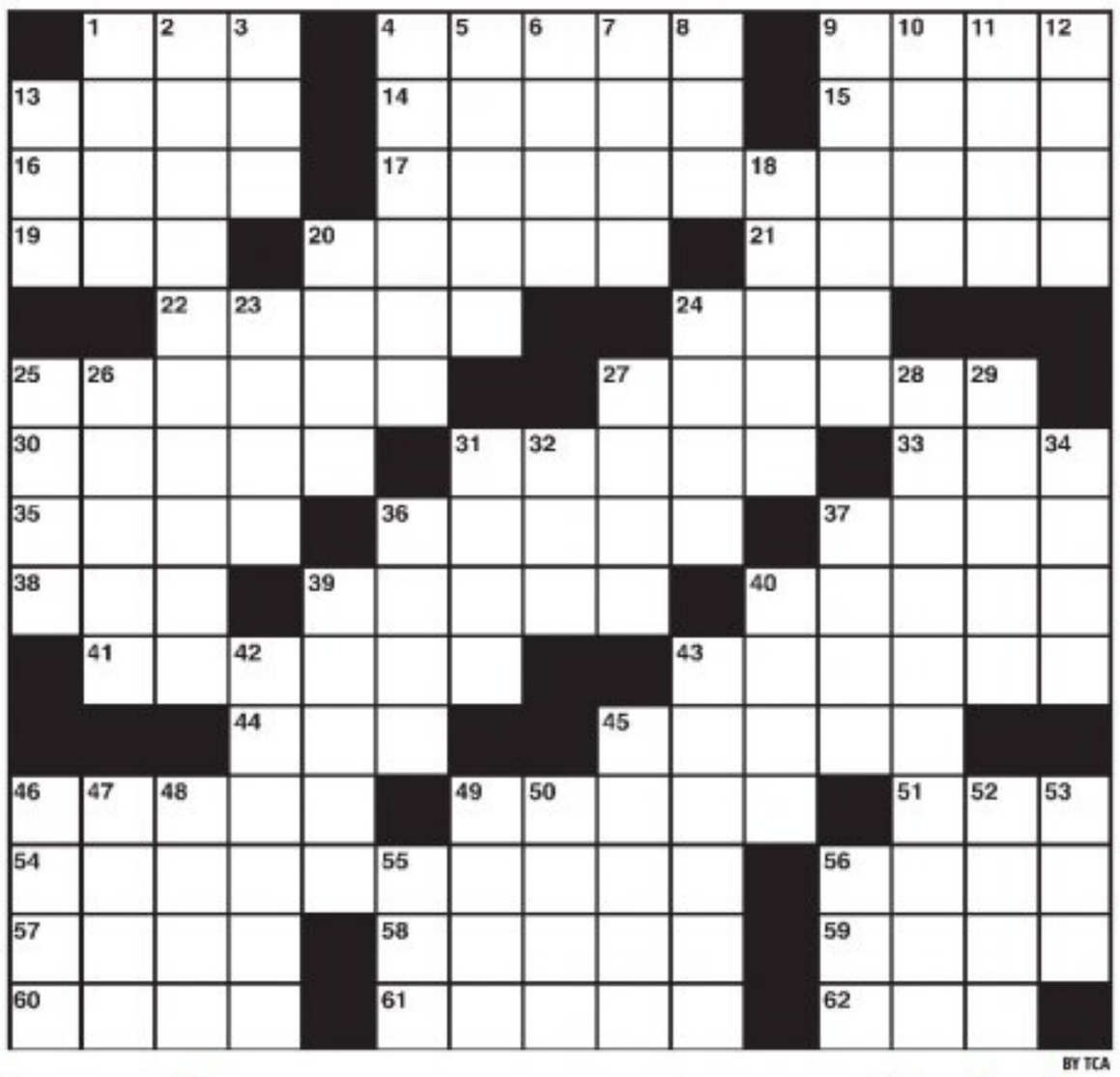
1 Baby bear
4 Rob or Will
9 Annapolis acad.
13 Area; district
14 Commandment verb
15 The Bee __
16 __ tea
17 Cash register operator
19 Actress Dawber
20 First Lady before Jackie
21 Watermelon casings
22 Theatrical dramas
24 Bakery purchase
25 WA's Mount St. __
27 Force
30 Declares positively
31 Long-eared critters
33 Actor Linden
35 Sunbeams
36 Lhasa's location
37 Long tale
38 Ike's monogram
39 India's dollar
40 Murders
41 Fisher & Murphy
43 Small hairpiece
44 Vacation vehicles, for short
45 Hidden supply
46 See eye to eye
49 Dangerous fish
51 Org. for Suns & Spurs
54 Panting
56 Elderly
57 Fib teller
58 Main artery
59 Red and Dead
60 Acting award
61 Scatter
62 Animal carrier afloat

DOWN

1 Comic actress Imogene
2 Not working
3 Cot or crib
4 Prose pieces
5 Pillow covers
6 Anklebones
7 Civil War Gen. Robert __
8 Nov. 1 honorees
9 More hideous
10 "Have You Ever __ the Rain?"; 1970s song
11 Bookish fellow
12 Invites
13 Fasten a parka
18 Bawls
20 No-__-land; area between trenches
23 Actor Ayres & others
24 Keats or Kilmer
25 Difficult
26 Escape detection by
27 Actress Summer
28 Ill-fated space shuttle
29 Bird of prey
31 Joints nearest the waist
32 Lincoln, for one
34 Go on and on
36 Part of every wk.
37 Exhale in relief
39 Headed metal bolt
40 Get a __ out of; enjoy
42 Dismal
43 Poland's capital
45 Indian social class
46 Competent
47 Somber; gloomy
48 Package of paper
49 __ machines; casino attractions
50 Frau's hubby
52 Bird's bill
53 Promos
55 "Elvis __ left the building!"
56 As pretty __ picture



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